

**Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Project Status Update  
for  
Wyle Laboratories Norco Facility Site  
September 6, 2005**

**SITE INVESTIGATION/CLEANUP**

- Indoor air sampling was redone in the new science building of Norco High School, where a low level of vinyl chloride was detected in sampling done in July 2005. Additional indoor air and soil gas sampling at Norco High School will be conducted at the end of the week. The sampling in July showed very low levels of TCE (trichloroethene) and PCE (tetrachloroethene) in the soil gas and in the air inside some of the classrooms. These levels are so low that we have determined that they do not pose either an immediate or long-term significant health risk to teachers or students. The additional sampling scheduled for this week is designed to ensure levels previously detected remain the same, so that the school remains safe.
- Indoor air sampling was completed at four homes near the intersection of Third and Hillside (west of Golden West Lane). Previous soil gas results showed varying TCE concentrations in the soil around the foundations at four of the homes. The highest soil gas TCE concentrations were 41 and 44 parts per billion at two of the four homes, both at a depth of 10 feet below ground surface. Indoor air sampling was conducted at the four homes to make sure they are not affected by TCE vapors. We anticipate results of this indoor air sampling to be available in 1 to 2 weeks.
- Based on public concern about potential impacts to the surrounding community from demolition activities on the Wyle site, we asked St. Clair (current property owner) for copies of all lead-based paint and asbestos-containing material certifications of buildings demolished on the Wyle site. These certifications are to show that any lead or asbestos has been properly removed and disposed of according to EPA and state regulations. Lead and asbestos removal is not within DTSC's jurisdiction. Asbestos removal is performed under South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) regulations. We have now received the certifications, which confirm that the asbestos-containing material has been properly handled, sealed according to regulations, and removed from the site. The Waste Manifests show the material was disposed of at appropriate landfills. We still have not received a copy of the health and safety plan for these activities. DTSC will continue to request this information from St. Clair. We will place all this information in the public repositories (Corona Public Library and Norco City Hall) after we receive it.
- Ongoing Remedial Investigation activities:

**Last week**

**Onsite:**

- Completed drilling bedrock core sample at location CH-4

Offsite:

- Installed permanent vapor probe on El Paso Drive. This probe is designed to monitor potential soil gas contamination.
- Performed indoor air sampling in new science building at Norco High School.

**Sampling planned for this week:**

Onsite:

- Conduct FLUTe profiling at corehole locations CH-3 and CH-4.
- Complete drilling of corehole CH-5.

Offsite:

- Perform soil gas and indoor air sampling at Norco High School.
- Collect water levels in offsite wells (MW-16,19,20,21,23,24) and two onsite wells (MW-14,15).

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- We are holding a 30-day public review and comment period for the proposed cleanup (called a Removal Action Workplan, or RAW) for the northwest area of Wyle, near Golden West Lane. The dates for public comment are from August 12, 2005 through September 12, 2005. The public comment period includes a fact sheet describing the proposed cleanup that was sent to the mailing list and posted on our website; a paid advertisement in the newspaper on August 12; and an open house and public meeting on August 23, 2005. The draft cleanup proposal is available at the Corona Public Library, Norco City Hall, our office in Cypress, and on our website.
- DTSC staff prepared a letter to staff and parents of students at Norco Elementary, Norco Intermediate, and Norco High School, which explains results of the schools sampling, what they mean, and what the next steps are. This letter was sent to the Corona-Norco Unified School District for distribution.